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NOTICE OF VIOLATION #12311SW

The Honorable Larry Cline, Mayor
City of Rockaway Beach
P.O. Box 315
Rockaway Beach, MO 65616

Dear Mayor Cline:

Enclosed you will find an inspection report for the wastewater treatment facility serving the City of Rockaway Beach. I believe the report is self-explanatory and trust you will address any unsatisfactory features noted, as well as any recommendations contained therein.

Information was provided to this office from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII that indicates that an employee with the City of Rockaway Beach for some period of time has been falsifying Discharge Monitoring Reports. This constitutes a violation of Missouri Clean Water Law Section 644.076.2, RSMo, for which Notice of Violation #12311SW is being issued. The City of Rockaway Beach must begin providing accurate Discharge Monitoring Reports and maintaining records that will document all sample analysis in accordance with the Missouri State Operating Permit Standard Conditions Part I, Section A, item 5.a.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Results of Sample Analysis for samples obtained during the inspection. The results indicate the facility was in non-compliance with Missouri State Operating Permit limitations for Non-Filterable Residue. This constitutes a violation of Missouri Clean Water Law Sections 644.051.(3) and 644.076.1, RSMO for which Notice of Violation #12311SW is also being issued.

There were many pieces of equipment which were not operational or were providing marginal operation. This includes but is not limited to anaerobic/anoxic basin mixers, three of five motive pumps (aeration equipment), both sand filter backwashing pumps, and the ultra-violet disinfection system although the sample results for fecal coliform indicate compliance. The City of Rockaway Beach has failed to properly operate and maintain the wastewater treatment facility. Failure to properly operate and maintain the facility constitutes a violation of Missouri Clean Water Law Sections 644.051.1(3) and 644.076.1, RSMo for which Notice of Violation #12311SW is also being issued.

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It is understood that several improvements to the facility have been made since the inspection including but not limited to, the motive pumps, the sand filter backwash pumps, and the disinfection equipment. The City of Rockaway Beach must exert every effort to properly operate and maintain the wastewater collection and treatment facility.

Because of the nature and severity of the violations noted above, please be advised that we will be referring this matter to the Water Pollution Control Branch, Compliance and Enforcement Section for further enforcement actions.

If you have questions, please contact Gregory S. Perkins, P.E. by calling 417-891-4300 or via mail at Southwest Regional Office, 2040 West Woodland, Springfield, Missouri 65807-5912.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE



Cynthia S. Davies
Regional Director

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Enclosures

c: Mr. Allen Bush, Operator
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Ms. Catherine Hodges, Water Pollution Control Branch, Compliance & Enforcement